



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Livshits et al.

Art Unit: 1652

Application No.: 09/841,609

Examiner: Kerr

Filing Date: April 25, 2001

Attorney Ref. No.: US-1410

For: AMINO ACID PRODUCING STRAINS
BELONGING TO THE GENUS
ESCHERICHIA AND METHOD FOR
PRODUCING AMINO ACID

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2003, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply, two month(s) to March 1, 2004.

The period for response has previously been extended to

Attached please find a Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) authorizing payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) of 750.00 for this Petition.

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Respectfully submitted,

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